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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Climate Change protests

I have been approached by a number of students, asking about being released from College to join the Climate Change protests in Bath or elsewhere, so I thought I should write to you to clarify the position of the College on this matter.

We are generally supportive of students who want to take a stand on environmental issues, or other matters of social justice and making the world a better place. This needs to be balanced against their own continuity of education, and issues of safety and supervision.

In common with other schools, we are not able to give official permission for absence from College for this purpose, and any absence will have to be treated as unauthorized.

If parents do decide to allow their children who are students of the College to attend this protest, we would respectfully make the following points:

1. Please confirm to us (for example by an email to attendance@sta.cc) that your child is attending the protest, with your permission and consent, and that you accept full responsibility for your child's safety, welfare and conduct while absent for this purpose.
2. Please reinforce the requirement of impeccable conduct - any actions which bring the College into disrepute will be treated as disciplinary matters.
3. We strongly advise that if members of College below Sixth form do decide to attend this protest, we would expect them to be accompanied by parents in order to oversee their welfare and conduct.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Forster
Headmaster